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Ca trompe énormément

par Stéphan LeGouëff V.P. Droit Civil

En nous exprimant comme nous l'avons fait lors de l'assemblée générale du 29 septembre dernier, sur la question de savoir si nous acceptions qu'une liste des étudiants se classant dans le premier cinquième de leur classe devrait être envoyée aux cabinets d'avocats la réclamant, nous avons fait un choix de société.

Nous avons dit NON à l'institutionalisation de l'élitisme et de la compétition.

NON aux pratiques discriminatoires à peine dissimulées auxquelles se livrent certaines études pour économiser temps et argent et pour accaparer, sans

YOUR WEEKLY SMILE

Tips on Mooting:

1. In general, address the judge as "My Lord". When stuck, try not to say "Yes, my bench." (apologies to B.M.)

2. Try not to use idiomatic expressions such as "My Lords, here is where our argument breaks down completely."

3. When asked "But Counsel, can't this principle be extended indefinitely? How can you draw the line?", do not answer "My Lord, try a pencil."

effort ni risque, une matière première hautement convoitée: l'or gris. Mais seule la matière grise portant le sceau du Q.I.E.G. (quotient intellectuel élevé garanti), imprimé en lettres d'or dans les circonvolutions cérébrales de certains d'entre nous, est digne de fermenter indéfiniment dans un bocal de formol derrière

les bureaux de quelques firmes qui se proclament les plus prestigieuses.

NON au rabaissement de l'être humain en terme d'un pourcentage tachant une feuille aussi blanche qu'un trou de mémoire.

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HOW TO SPEND \$

by Joseph Rikhof

The Faculty Council meeting of October 6th was mainly occupied with the details of the use of revenues of the \$540,000 Boulton Fund.

The Dean had proposed five alternatives in a working paper, which was based on faculty suggestions:

1) one term visitors to
teach a course or seminar in
"Legal Problems" or to
occupy a topical revolving
chair;

2) appointments of Boulton Fellows from graduating or graduate students with a view to identifying possible future teachers. This proposal could mean the end of the Board of Student Advisors;

3) relief of regular staff members of teaching load to pursue some specific academic projects;

4) providing financial aid

to promising students with an interest in law teaching as a career at McGill;

5) assistance in financing of sabbaticals of regular academic staff.

Discussion Reflects (Self) Interests

As expected, and as was pointed out by Prof. Patrick Glenn and Stéfan LeGouëff, the remarks during the discussion reflected the interests and sometimes the self-interests of the Faculty members present.

Prof. Scott opened the discussion by expressing his preference for a Boulton Fund for visiting professors and for graduating students, suggesting his view that students should be sent to Oxford. This preference, especially the first choice, was shared by Profs. Macdonald, Wade, Somerville

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StudSoc Procedural Pests Overcome

by Tim Baikie

If you have been reading the McGill Daily at all regularly this year, you may have a mental picture of what Studsoc meetings are like. If that is so, chances are that the picture more closely resembles something by Salvadore Dali than one of an orderly meeting. Although we do tend to get wrapped up in (seemingly) interminable procedural wrangles, it is not as bad as it seems. Take the last meeting as a case in point....

The meeting started off on the wrong foot with a debate on the amendment of the minutes. After that was solved, Council proceeded to undo some of the things that were done at the previous meeting. This may sound somewhat circular, but it helped to solve several very sticky problems.

The first thing Council did was reconsider its motion directing Access McGill and ASUS to trade office space in the Union Building (see $Q \cdot N$. September, p. 3). In the intervening two-week period, Bruce Hicks (V.P. Internal), had come up with a solution -- Access McGill will share Room B-06 with the McGill Camera Club. Although the groups involved are willing to live with this arrangement, they made it quite clear that they were not happy with the way it was

Quote of the Week

"There's a particularly Toronto pattern to screwing yourself into the ceiling upside down." Prof. Baker

pitted various groups against one another. Their complaint is valid; Council. should not have rushed to re-allocate rooms without: consulting the groups first (which is why I abstained on the motion, although I strongly felt that Access should have a room in the basement). In defense of Council, however, it should be pointed out that it was Mr. Hicks and the building management who originally assigned Access to the fourth floor and caused the problem.

Council also reconsidered its approval of the new terms of reference for SAC and ESC (The South Africa and El Salvador Committees). There was extensive debate on this, as the new terms of reference would severely restrict voting membership on the Committees and would give Council a very heavy hand in the direction of them. The rationale for this was that Committees of Council should have to abide by all the normal rules and regulations that are down for such bodies. several councillors cluding myself) cluding concern over the new proposals. It was felt rather strongly that the new terms of reference would discourage students from joining, as they would have no voting rights. This would severely impair the effectiveness of the Committees and ultimately defeat the purpose for which they were originally formed. During the somewhat chaotic debate, the chairpersons of SAC and ESC voiced willingness to abide by some sort of formal structure,

done and the way that it but not the one that was proposed. Benjie Trister (V.P. External) agreed to consider modifying the terms of reference to make them more acceptable. Finally a committee of Councillors and Committee Representatives was struck to come up with a common ground acceptable to everyone. They will report back to Council at the next meeting (October 13).

> So, despite the procedural problems, Council was able to solve two important and pressing prob-It is also encourto note that the Studsoc Executive is not taking a hard line on these issues, and is willing to react positively to concern voiced over their actions. However, had these concerns been foreseen at the time that the proposals originally made, it could have saved a lot of Council's time. It could also have avoided pitting Access McGill against ASUS, SAC and ESC against Council, Council against Executive and the Executive against everyone.

B.C.L. II STUDENTS

Thursday October 14 On there will be a class assembly for B.C.L. II students at 1 o'clock in Room 200. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the examination scheduling procedure and to receive your input thereon. In addition, your ideas, criticisms and proposals concerning matter in relation to the L.S.A. and the Faculty would also be welcome. Make your views known!

> Stephen Fogarty B.C.L. II Class President

IN THE MOOT

by Lynn Bailey

Well, Mooting has begun once again and Quid Novi has been flooded with mail from students, complaining that the demands of law school are too great. Unfortunately, we can't print much of this material. This was due to several problems.

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Firstly, upon removal of the obscene portions of many of the letters, we found that the basic content had changed, or more often no longer existed.

Secondly, some of the handwritten submissions were, due to a phenomenon known as "anxiety-scrawl", incomprehensible. (An

analysis of some of the handwriting, by our resident expert, indicates that several of you are near the brink of insanity. You know who you are...).

We also felt that as a matter of policy it was a bad example to first year students, which might result the belief that the rights to food or sleep deserve some protection around this place. In February, we will only be faced with unsophisticated accusations of unfairness by students who have simply not been around long enough to de-velop that healthy cynical albeit tolerant attitude to such abuse. [Ed. Note: Remember, the procedure for obtaining exam marks has civilized. become very

First year students no longer have any "sport" through which they can release tension, and will be even more agitated than usual.

It is, however, in the public interest that we pass on to you some of the more poignant tales of the past two weeks.

Take for instance the day the elevator was on the blitz. Everybody knows you need a sherpa to get to the library via the stairs. And one annoyed student was also suffering under the weight of the books he had managed to hoard and smuggle home overnight. [Ed. Note: Lack of Spartan attitude. He should have slept on two chairs like everyone else].

Many upper year students complained that it was not wise to give the tutorial groups their first memorandum assignment during the same time period. Not only was it inconvenient to slap them out of the way when wrestling for casebooks or moving furniture, but the constant weeping sounds were distracting.

Every one of the mooters was the proud possessor of a splitting headache. Indeed, several students were overheard kindly offer their opponents Tylenol. "But seriously," said one victim, "Chicago's not that far away! Blaine Baker came from there! Who knows what kind of nuts are walking around Montreal opening bottles! Maybe some packages are safe, but tuna fish doesn't ease pain, and drugs don't come in tin cans!" [Ed. Note: Yet].

A popular topic was the Moot Court Board. One comment: "These people are very, very sick. Where else in Montreal can you join a club, for two credits no less!, whose sole "raison"

Interview

Yelps and barks of circus seals tenuously balancing sparkling balls adequately but not dangerously ostentatious don't ruffle the placid master your audience but then don't underplay even though regulations and conventions dictate a certain humility statutory interpretation on the trapeze act the tumble can be wicked return to delaying promises and options prudently promised optionally false for the survival of the dream bureaucracy depends on that illusion and the salaries of the wizards and silver haired corporate beggars rattle tin cups against rages of the market discretely of course the pounding on the door louder of nepotisticless victims who contemplate the tragedy thought personal yet almost universal

Robert Stephen

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and Baker, and the latter supported his choice by saying that the \$55,000 yearly revenue of the fund should be used to enrich life at the Faculty. Prof. Wade added that last year's visiting professors program had been very useful.

Another favourite choice was possibility three, which would give staff members the opportunity to work on specific academic projects. This idea had the blessing of Profs. Patrick Glenn, Macdonald, Baker Somerville, although Prof. Somerville argued that the first two projects were too vague, and should be more defined. Possibility number three would result identifiable products such as books or articles, which should have priority, in her opinion. Prof Baker, although in favour of the same choice, did not agree with her analysis of identifiable products.

Disagreement on Financing Students

The only major disagreement occurred between Prof. Birks and Scott. Prof. Birks, who was supported by Prof. Baker in this respect, did not want to "feed other universities" by making money available for students to study abroad. Moreover there were other sources for students who had such plans.

In Prof. Scott's opinion, such a project was as recommendable as spending money for visiting professors. After the various Faculty Council members had

expressed the other possible alternatives (Patrick Glenn was in favour of choice number four and five while Prof. Macdonald preferred number four and Stéphan Le Gouëff two and four, because all the money should go to students priorities), Prof. Scott proposed a motion which reflected his previous preference for a visiting professor and a fellowship for students.

New Trend

A new trend was developed in the discussion after the motion was made. Profs. Wade and Bridge both wanted to establish a committee like the Wainwright mittee to look into allocation of the Boulton Fund. They were reluctant restrict their choices too quickly, and felt that a monitoring committee with would be wide discretion preferable "instituto tionalizing the two choices" of Prof. Scott. Prof. Jane Glenn highlighted this trend of careful noncommittment by asking for a committee to study the whole proposal in more detail. The Scott motion was defeated subsequently a motion was put forward which called for hoc committee to monitor the Boulton Fund and to report before November This 30th. motion accepted after it was made clear that there would be student representation this committee. Thus the first Faculty Council meeting ended after substantive decisions been made.

Editorial

Not Public but not Confidential

At the end of the last school year, the Faculty of Law was the first McGill faculty to undergo a review of its entire operations -budgetary and academic. Every faculty in the university will have to go through this process once every five years with a view to bol-McGill's strengths stering and undoing its weaknesses.

The Review Committee which examined our faculty has come out with its report. The Report is not public and the only information to have come out was circulated in a memo to faculty members. But as far as one is able to catch wind of them, the recommendations are very positive:

* since our McGill has such a high student-teacher ratio compared with other Canadian law schools, the size of the faculty should be increased without increasing the size of the student body. This means as many as 7-9 new professors should be hired over the next three years.

The Staff Appointments Committee should be doubled in size to deal with this. * The space and budget of

the library should be increased.

The school's physical plant should be expanded to make room for new offices and changes in the library. The graduate institutes should be helped financial-

While these are only recommendations which must still go to McGill's budgetary planning group, chances are that a decision will be made before the end of this term on how far the university is prepared to go along with them. There is good cause for hope.

Richard Janda

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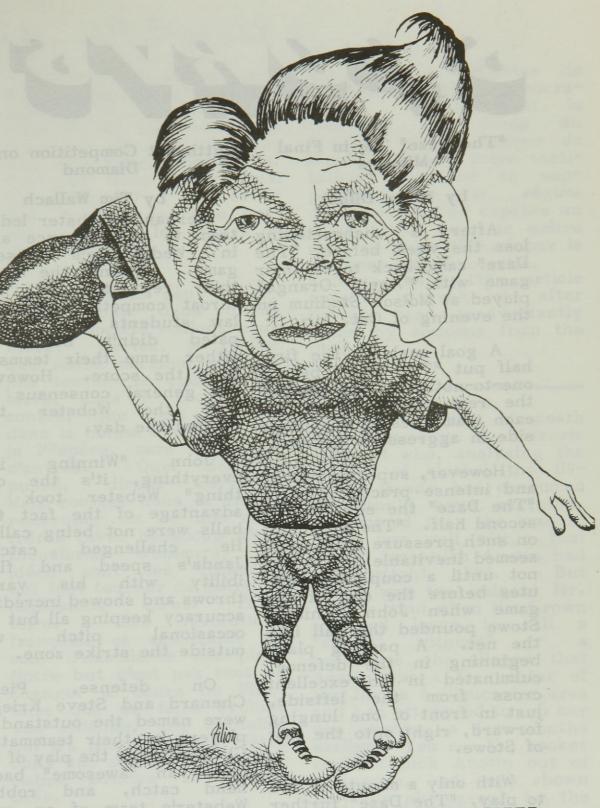
d'être" is to inflict punishment (in notedly bilingual form), on a group of otherwise well-adjusted but rather busy people? The only prerequisite for the course is that they've all been through this too!" [Ed. Note: We don't need a psychiatrist to figure this one out].

Quid Novi was surprised not to get any notes from staff. These the library staff. These individuals are really to be commended for the beating they took over the past weeks. Not only were they subjected to some of the most innovative interior design ideas found in any library world-wide, but severe emotional distress is PROJECTED vigourously on the nearest person around, usually one of these innocents. Their silence can only indicate one thing. They are polite. Law students are loud, arrogant, and self-pitying (but irresistable).

So, those of you who thought you were the only ones looking for a jumping spot on the top floor weren't alone at all. What is even more reassuring is that the whole purpose of the exercise is to prepare you for the real world. I mean, let's face it, most of law school life is pretty cushy, academic, unrealistic, fairyland, too easy.... Just ask a professor! So, we have moots!

What this adds up to is that in a couple of years, you'll be doing nothing but moot-like problems, day in and day out! But they'll be really boring, and what's more, the poor suckers whose lives you screwed up by missing the most important case, will be REAL people! with children! and other relatives who probably own GUNS!

Thank goodness only 20% of us will ever get a job. The rest won't have to go through THIS again!



"NUKE" RONNY THROWING ONE FOR THE GIPPER

The Moot Court Board is happy to announce that the following people have been chosen as members of the Junior Moot Court Board:

Celia Rhea Marie-José Beaudry Francine Nelson Sharon Speevak Brian Mitchell Edward Lee Peter McLarnon Jay Kendry

The Board congratulates the successful applicants. We also thank all the applicants for the interest they showed in the work that we do. It was difficult to make a final selection as all the applicants were very qualified.

The Senior Board is looking forward to an enjoyable year in co-operation with the Junior Board.

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"The Daze" Tie in Final Minutes

by Brian Dillon

After a disheartening loss the week before, "The Daze" came back to tie their game with "Agent Orange" played at Molson Stadium on the evening of Oct. 6th.

A goal early in the first half put "The Daze" behind one-to-nothing. Throughout the rest of the first half each team pressed the other side in aggressive soccer.

However, superior fitness and intense practising gave "The Daze" the edge in the second half. "The Daze" put on such pressure that a goal seemed inevitable but it was not until a couple of minutes before the end of the game when John "Animal" Stowe pounded the ball into the net. A passing play, beginning in the defence, culminated in an excellent cross from the leftside, just in front of one lunging forward, right onto the foot of Stowe.

With only a minute or two to play, "The Daze" further increased the tempo leading to hopes of another goal, but the final whistle was heard before these hopes could be realized. "The Daze" however seemed content with the tie. The game was, after all, "historic" in that "The Daze" scored their first goal. Despite almost making it to the playoffs last year, the team did not score a goal. With one goal behind them this year, "The Daze" have aspirations to win a soccer game, this year not by default. What next? The playoffs?

Cutthroat Competition on the Diamond

by Tim Wallach

Fernando Webster led his team to victory once again in Wednesday's baseball game. Giving the lie to their reputation for cutthroat competitiveness, the law students who participated didn't bother to either name their teams or keep the score. However, the general consensus was that the Webster team carried the day.

"Winning John isn't everything, it's the only thing" Webster took full advantage of the fact that balls were not being called. He challenged catcher Janda's speed and flexibility with his varied throws and showed incredible accuracy keeping all but the occasional pitch outside the strike zone.

On defense, Pierre Chenard and Steve Krieger were named the outstanding players by their teammates. Chenard made the play of the game, an "awesome" backhand catch, and robbed Webster's team of an even wider margin of victory,

Julian Heller, demonstrating an admirable lack of sexism, put Kathy Fisher in the mound for his team. Fisher, lacking Webster's determination to win, made pitch after pitch inside the strike zone. The ensuing hits, plays, fumbles, and action were appreciated by all, although J.W. was seen shaking his head over the uncreative use of the rules. But, even Kathy couldn't throw the ball slow enough for Richard "I'm an intellectual not an athlete"

Janda to get a piece of, and she regretfully struck him out.

Female participation zoomed from zero to six since the student-faculty game. Whether the turnaround was inspired by insinuations of female apathy or the lure of handsome Professor Stevens is left to the reader's imagination. However, a few crestfallen faces in discovery of Stevens' absense suggest the latter.

Jill Hugessen on 3rd base and freshman Mary Mullens on 2nd were defensive stars. Freshman Mullens, though appreciative of the support of the five male infielders who surrounded her, felt that they had perhaps untalents derestimated her talents. Less courageous, Elise Paul-Hus and Celia Rhea retired to the far reaches of the outfield to avoid the humilation of dropping the ball and/or throwing it the wrong way. Wayne Burrows complained that Lynn Bailey had intimidated the male players with her aggressive base-running.

The rosters of both teams were cut in half midway through the fierce contest, when those tough enough to play football, the "real men" and "real women" in the group, left for their respective practices.

Thanks mostly to a beautiful sunny day, "a good time was had by all."

Support the Montreal Citizens' Movement Help Defeat Jean Drapeau on November 14

There will be a bake sale on Wednesday, October 14, noon to 2 p.m. to raise money for the MCM election campaign. Place: Chancellor Day Hall, the basement.

If you want to contribute

If you want to contribute goodies or help out, contact Roksolana Baran or Phyllis MacRae.

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NON au fait que notre identité se résume, dans sa plus simple expression, à un bulletin de notes regardé d'un oeil distrait par un employeur potentiel qui se moque du pourquoi et du comment qui souvent justifie des résultats "moyens", en plus de considérer comme l'expérience frivole travail, l'engagement étudiant et insignifiant les multiples éléments qui composent un individu.

Comment ne pas s'indigner devant cette nouvelle forme de ségrégation académique voire intellectuelle? Le fait que nous obtenions tous un diplôme n'est-il pas une preuve prima facie que nous sommes tous compétents? Mais peut-être certains sont-ils plus égaux que d'autres? Ne vivons-nous pas déjà assez de compétition, de jalousie et de cu-pidité? Faut-il encourager davantage ces facteurs qui font dégénérer une ambiance de travail saine et équilibrée en une atmosphère explosive et suffoquante? Est-ce une justification de dire que si certaines universités envoyent ces listes nous devrions en faire autant? Devrions-nous assumer un rôle de "leadership" avant-guardiste ou suivre aveuglément une pratique qui n'a pas sa raison d'être?

Cet article ne se veut pas un réquisitoire contre l'excellence académique. Au contraire, ceux d'entre nous qui parviennent à se distinguer académiquement méritent le respect qui couronne généralement leurs succès. Mais est-ce là une raison pour faire des autres, la majorité, des étudiants de deuxième classe en hiérarchisant le groupe homogène que nous devrions former?

Il me parait évident que le premier cinquième de notre classe trouvera, sans difficulté aucune, un emploi honorable dans une institution tout aussi honorable. Pourquoi donc venir ainsi les solliciter? Qui bénéficie le plus de cette pratique, sont-ce les études ou ces étudiants?

La question peut se résumer ainsi: dans quelle type de société voulons-nous vivre? Certes, je réalise que notre décision ne fera pas tomber le ciel sur la terre, mais je crois, par contre, que c'est un pas dans la bonne direction qui, je l'èspère, sera suivi par d'autres. Quel idéalisme puéril, diront certains. Mais commes nous le faisait remarquer un de nos confrères (avec beaucoup d'enthousiasme d'ailleurs) les idées sont les étincelles qui font tourner ce moteur à explosions qu'est l'histoire. Les révolutions française et américaine en sont d'excellents exemples. Notre but n'est pas tant de changer le cours de l'histoire que de faire évoluer une attitude, une mentalité qui n'a pas de raison d'être dans une société d'êtres humains adultes et équilibrés.

Mais ce qu'il y a eu de plus remarquable dans cette assemblée, c'est que les étudiants y sont venus en nombre pour y exprimer librement leurs idées et convictions, faisant valoir des motifs justifiant chaque prise de position, quelle qu'elle soit pour finalement prendre une décision collective et ainsi faire l'expérience de la démocratie à son état pur. Aussi, notre refus de produire les listes en question n'est, en fait, qu'un plaidoyer pour que certains bureaux d'avocats utilisent des méthodes de recrutement plus démocratiques. Et finalement, le transfert des fonds du L.S.A. de la Banque de Montréal à une autre institution financière ne supportant pas le régime d'Afrique du Sud exprime un désir, celui de voir naître dans ce pays déchiré par le racisme...la démocratie. Editor's note: This article appears a week late after having been inadvertantly taken by someone from the library.

Cont'd from p. 8 to establish time of death by producing a forensic scientist who, analyzing the amount of alcohol the 119pound Mandy had consumed and would have excreted, determined that the time of death was well within that period for which Austin had an airtight alibi. where was the eminent Mr. Adler's mind when the Crown obtained leave to call a witness" "special prostitute who alleged that Austin was a frequenter of the Jarvis & Gloucester area and had attempted to rob her one evening a few months earlier. You see the hooker couldn't pick Austin out of a line-up, had been shown only his photograph by the police, and failed to make any mention of the pronounced Austin stammer that any conversation with him couldn't help but reveal.

If the result in the "Lady Madonna Killers" is indicative of what we can expect from the other episodes in the CBC radio series, it's probably the producer's intention to show us that in the end it is "justice" itself that is on trial — and found wanting.

by Clarence Darrow, BCL III

THE SOAPS OF JUSTICE

If I were a betting man I'd guess that Ron Sklar spends his Sunday evenings in front of his radio, even though "Nos Amours" are not involved in baseball's post season play. And anyone who has had the opportunity to witness Prof. Sklar lecturing on the criminal law would likely agree. For this mild-mannered, former chartered accountant conducts every class as if he were F. Lee Bailey parading in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. CBC stereo is accommodating the Ron Sklars of the world with thirteen one-hour radio dramatizations of famous Canadian criminal cases, and as a service to the students of the Faculty who can't pull themselves away from the tomes during the Sunday evening "big push", Quid Novi will highlight these criminal law soap operas throughout the semester. The format is loose, but the articles/features will gen-erally focus upon educating the reading audience on exactly what is to be done when and if you find your life precariously balanced on ... "The Scales of Justice".

Episode One: The Lady Madonna Killer

Mandy's life is a trail of one tragedy after another. A shotgun marriage which crumbles into pieces when the infant child responsible for it dies from undisclosed illnesses. Mandy pounds the pavement around Gloucester & Jarvis until falling into another "win-ning relationship". This ends, for all intents and purposes, when her sorrow over her poor cat's fate (having to "stay at home all day by himself") pushes her over the edge and to a suicide attempt. True to

form, however, she botches this, too -- a cruel twist of fate that at least one Toronto man lived to regret. Though her personal life is a mess, our antiheroine lives out the Canadian version of "looking for Mr. Goodbar" perfectly. Turning tricks in just about every city on the Eastern Seaboard, Mandy never missed a single day's work at the elegant Lady Madonna boutique in downtown Toronto. It was, of course, predictable that within a half-hour of her not showing up to open the store on the 14th, her employer would waltz into her unlocked Jarvis St. apartment and discover her naked, strangled body up on the still warm bed in the

Quincy fans will be disappointed to learn that coroners do screw up in real life. And "screw up" is a gross understatement of the coroner's abortion in this case: his failure to take the temperature of the deceased's body on the morning of the 14th of May would spell the difference between a man going free or going to prison for life.

The suspect

For four months following the murder, the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force investigation consisted of little more than investigating the whereabouts of the men in Mandy's voluminous black book, on the night in question (i.e. the detectives were going everywhere, the investigation nowhere). Then an anonymous phone call to police headquarters fingers one Kim William Austin as the murderer -- the tipee claiming to have a taped confession from Mr. Austin. Faced with nothing else to go on, the cops headed to Austin's ap-

artment, and within fifteen minutes of their arrival he had sealed his own coffin. To the introductory statement, "We'd like to talk to you about the murder of a young lady" and a couple of preliminary questions likely to be heard on any given episode of Adam-12 or The F.B.I. (proof positive that T.O. cops watch police show re-runs) the erudite Austin answers: "who gives a damn, who gives a damn," and "you guys got nothing on me -- I'm not goin' nowhere. You'll have to arrest me" (proof positive that Austin does not).

These flashes of brilliance, however, were probably not enough to send Austin up the river, but that's okay -- he wasn't finished. His final two moves I have trouble recommending to those of you faced with police investigations of some sort at some time in the future: 1) To the suggestion that you accompany them to the station do not offer "to take all three of you on". 2) Once you've been subdued (and even if you've been whacked with a phonebook a couple of times) and are on the way to the stationhouse try to avoid making Austin-esque statements like "I've never been downtown" and "I used to work for a Toronto courier service" within a 5-minute time span.

The defense counsel

I would be remiss, in closing this article without referring to the work of defence counsel Lou Adler in the Austin case. Edward Greenspan, Q.C., who nar rates the Scales series for CBC, termed Lou's work as "able" but I want you to de cide. Okay so he recovered from the coroner's failure Cont'd on p. 7